

An old historian once noted that, "Great men are not often good men." Well, Floyd Spence was certainly both. Those of us who have had the great opportunity to know him are far better for the privilege.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER MIRIAM
THOMAS, S.C.

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to pay tribute to Sister Miriam Thomas, S.C., a phenomenal individual who has devoted her life to enhancing the lives of others. After her 50 years of ceaseless work to educate and counsel others, and improve the communities she lives in, I take great pride in honoring Sister Thomas's 50th anniversary of service to God and humanity with this congressional tribute.

Sister Thomas was born and received her early education in South Brooklyn. Upon graduation from high school, Sister Thomas answered the calling to devote her life to God. At age 18 she entered Sisters of Charity where she received an invaluable theological education as well as a degree from Mount Saint Vincent College in the Bronx. Once she professed her vows, Sister Thomas brought her newly-honed ministry skills to Ascension Grammar School in Manhattan, where she remained for 8 years. She then relocated to Ponce, Puerto Rico where her education was enriched at Catholic University. At this point, with more years of training and instruction, she was ready to take on the South Bronx. There, she was assigned to St. Athanasius Parish where she has shared her gift of easing souls and invoking smiles for the past 39 years.

Mr. Speaker, in 1972, Sister Thomas, along with her neighbors, heard that a woman who served as the administrator of Simpson Street Development Association was murdered while on the job. Courage and an unflinching sense of devotion allowed Sister Thomas to stand up and fill this important position. There, with a tireless and supportive staff, Sister Thomas works miracles daily by providing social services and emotional guidance to people in need. Beyond these commitments, Sister Thomas also sits on the South Bronx Community Board 2 as chairperson. Her involvements in other community-based organizations are too numerous to mention. She says that her ceaseless community involvement was inspired by Father Louis Gigante, a visionary and dear friend.

Sister Thomas's ability to take the Gospel and translate it into language that speaks to the hearts and souls of nearly every St. Athanasius parishioner, has made her a priceless component of many people's spiritual and earthly lives. I am not the first to recognize her contributions, of course. Of the many rewards Sister Thomas has received throughout her years of service to the Church and humanity in general, she most treasures being named a Sister of Charity and her acceptance as a resident in the Hunts Point Community of the South Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of representing the 16th district of New York where

Sister Thomas practices her faith each and every day and I am truly delighted to acknowledge her today. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable woman.

TAIWAN AND THE UNITED
NATIONS

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, as the United Nations General Assembly prepares to convene on September 11, I believe it is appropriate to recognize the achievements of Taiwan. Over the past several years, Taiwan has established itself as a world economic power and a stable political presence in Asia. Since the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979, the United States and Taiwan have developed a strong friendship and understanding of each other.

Most importantly, Taiwan is a thriving, multiparty democracy. Its leaders have successfully confronted the most difficult moment emerging democracies face: turning over offices to others when their own party loses. They have allowed open competition for office, and encouraged public discussion on the full range of issues that face Taiwan. It is clear that the people of Taiwan have the right to determine their nation's future.

Unfortunately, at a time when Taiwan's example and its assistance could be most beneficial to the world community, it continues to be isolated from that community. Restoration of its membership to the United Nations would end that isolation. As new democracies emerge, I am convinced that the world could greatly benefit from the counsel of a nation that has recently transformed itself into a democracy.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, when the Defense Production Act was enacted in 1950, considerable damage was done. Some of the worst damage occurred as a result of wage and price controls and the improper delegation of economic powers to the President (much of which economic power even Congress itself didn't have).

This bill's entire existence rests on the presumption that its supporters have absolutely no confidence whatsoever in either freedom or the market process. In a time of crisis, you don't need an "industrial policy" and you don't need some fascist or corporatist variety of socialism. What one needs more than ever in a time of crisis is the market—deviation from the market process is the worst thing an economy can do. Oftentimes, it's the "industrial policy" which is the very cause of the economic crisis one hopes to remedy with yet another round of "industrial policy" intervention.

We have an energy crisis in California created by the bureaucrats and the politicians. As prices skyrocket and a crisis is declared, it is

later said that prices are now down and there's less of a shortage or crisis. But it's the market process that worked because the prices skyrocketed rather than skyrocketing prices becoming the justification for abandoning the market process.

Of course, if one likes socialism and rejects the notion that freedom works, this type of an Act and improper delegating and centralizing such powers is ideal. But why accept the notions of socialism when you really need an economy to provide products and services in the nation's time of most dire need? This whole notion that the powers in this bill should be illegitimately granted to a President and then turned over to the head of FEMA is potentially one of the most dangerous things this body will ever do (or continue doing).

Mr. Speaker, I encourage the members of this body to begin thinking about the amount of false hope they place in the centralization of power in the hands of a central-planners and reconsider their apparent lack of confidence in the market process and a free society. I encourage a strict adherence to market principles and strongly oppose H.R. 2510.

THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF
SPRINGFIELD AND GREENE
COUNTY

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an institution which for a quarter of a century has served an invaluable role in preserving and remembering our Southwest Missouri history and heritage.

Twenty-five years ago The History Museum of Springfield and Greene County was created in honor of the Bicentennial of our great nation. The citizens of Springfield and Greene County established the museum to educate others about the area's culture and open a new window on the history of day-to-day life in the region. A key local education resource was born.

Teachers and other educators in Southwest Missouri have been blessed to have such a historical museum readily available. Over the years it has become a favorite field trip destination, permitting thousands of young minds to experience some of the culture that nurtured their parents and grandparents as well as other generations before them. Many educational trips have been hosted by The History Museum for Springfield and Greene County. The Museum, founded and guided in its early years by Springfieldian Kitty Lipscomb, is also a place of remembering and learning for adults too.

The museum is a storehouse of knowledge about past experiences which helped shape our families, neighborhoods and communities and are still molding us as a society today. It reveals the common threads that bound neighborhoods and communities together in past generations. Capitalism, Democracy, Liberty and Faith were the core values that stirred our imagination and gave birth to America's work ethic, innovation, and self betterment through a commitment to education, and personal independence. Each of these qualities is on display at the History Museum for Springfield

and Greene County in vintage photographs, clothing displays, maps and documents depicting how our communities grew and developed. With its home on the top floor of the Springfield City Hall, the Museum has dedicated itself to the reflection of our past with an eye toward our future.

This superb facility gives us the opportunity to memorialize our own stories of accomplishment, development and expansion as well as documenting how we overcame challenges and disagreements. Individuals, neighborhoods, community leaders and institutions joined together to forge a strong, diverse economy and society in the Ozarks.

I'm confident that my Colleagues join with me in expressing our thanks to the vision and foresight of community leaders a quarter century ago. Because of their dedicated work, the residents of Southwest Missouri have had a place where they can go to rediscover the roots of our past and benefit from lessons for the future.

CELEBRATING THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Orange County Rescue Squad, Inc.'s Golden Anniversary. The Rescue Squad began serving Orange County, Virginia in June 1951 and was officially chartered September 1, 1951.

The Orange County Rescue Squad's 50 years of service is a remarkable accomplishment. Many dedicated men and women of Orange County have volunteered their time over the past 50 years to provide critical care to the citizens of the county. The Rescue Squad's generous service is invaluable and something for which we are all extremely grateful. I am honored that such a remarkable organization resides in the seventh district of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Orange County Rescue Squad, Inc. for its 50 years of service.

MORTON MARKS

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, Coloradans are fortunate to have a man like Morton "Mort" Marks and his wife Edie as members of our community and civic leaders. Mort was born in Washington, DC, and the political genes that accompanied him from his birthplace were never lost.

After graduating from Columbia University, Mort fought in World War II, and bravely participated in the Battle of the Bulge. When he returned from Europe, Mort cultivated his interest in politics, which began to climax when he became a field director and delegate for Ronald Reagan's presidential campaigns, and then a delegate to the Republican National Convention for the Bush/Quayle campaigns.

Coloradans have also benefited from Mort's vast political experience as he has worked or volunteered for Governor Bill Owens, Senator Bill Armstrong and Representative-Elect Jack Swigert, the first person elected to represent Colorado's Sixth Congressional District.

Mort currently writes for several local publications, including the Villager newspapers, Colorado Expressions, and the Colorado Statesman, and has won awards for his writing from the Colorado Press Association.

He and his wife have two lovely daughters, Lori Marks and Elise Marks Grutch.

Thank you, Mort, for everything you have done for your state and your party.

HONORING NELSON C. WESTBROOKS, JR.

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man from my district who was recently honored by a society of his peers. At their annual meeting and convention in San Antonio, Texas, the Georgia Society of CPAs gave Nelson C. Westbrook, Jr. their highest honor, the 2001 Merit Service Award. Please include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a copy of an article from a local newspaper, The Harbor Sound, recounting all of Mr. Westbrook's hard work and service to the people of Georgia. Certainly his dedication is an example for all to follow.

[From the Harbor Sound, July 24, 2001.]

GEORGIA SOCIETY OF CPAs PRESENTS HIGHEST AWARD TO NELSON C. WESTBROOKS JR.

Nelson C. Westbrook Jr. was presented with the 2001 Merit Service Award on June 29 at the Annual Meeting and Convention in San Antonio, Texas. This is the highest honor the Society bestows on one of its members.

Born and raised in Georgia, Westbrook attended Glynn Academy and received his B.B.A. from the University of Georgia in 1949. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and served as treasurer for three years. He received his CPA certification in 1963.

Westbrook served in the Navy in Japan during World War II and served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Upon completion of his military service in 1952, he worked for Edward R. Gray Jr., CPA, in Brunswick, Georgia. In 1956, the practice was acquired by Nickerson & DeLoach, which went through several name changes and is currently Moore Stephens Tiller, LLC. He became a partner in the firm in January 1964. Westbrook retired as partner in December 1992, and continues to serve as a consultant.

An active member of the Georgia Society of CPAs since 1955, Westbrook is currently a member of the Brunswick Chapter (originally the Waycross Chapter). He serves the chapter as vice president and was president in 1966-67. He served the Society on numerous committees and as a director, vice president (1979) and treasurer (1968-70). As chair of the Ethics Committees in 1974, he was instrumental in leading a group that took action on ethics violations, and turned the membership once more to a respect for the ethics of the profession. For his services as chair of the committee, Westbrook was awarded with Society's Distinguished Member Award for 1974-75. In 1988-89, he was rec-

ognized for his outstanding service to the Society through involvement in local chapters and statewide activities. In 1992, the Brunswick Chapter recognized him for his outstanding contribution to his profession, his community and to the Society.

Westbrooks served as chair of the Society's Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee and is still active on the committee. He is a member of the AICPA and is a charter member of the Georgia Government Finance Officers' Association.

Active in local affairs, Westbrook has served as director of the Brunswick Jaycees; president of the Kiwanis Club of Northside Brunswick; Lieutenant Governor of Division IV of the Kiwanis of Georgia; member of the Coastal Georgia Community College Business Advisory Board; life member of Coastal Georgia Historical Society; director of Glynn County Heart Association; treasurer of the Glynn County Chapter of the University of Georgia Alumni. Mr. Westbrook was one of the organizers of the Old Town Brunswick Preservation Association in 1975, where he served on the Board and as treasurer. He also served as treasurer of the Brunswick-Glynn County Quarterback Club. He was one of the founders of the Tuesday Child Fiesta in Brunswick, which raised money for the Glynn Peyton School for children with disabilities. He was one of the organizers of the Brunswick Glynn County Council for the Arts. His community involvement continued in his work with the Brunswick Community Concert Association and with the Housing Authority of the City of Brunswick. He served as a commissioner and vice chairman of the Authority, was elected chair in 1992, and currently serves in that position.

Westbrook was a member of the First Christian Church of Brunswick, and served in many different capacities—board member, Sunday school teacher, and organist. After he married Margaret Hazel Williams in 1965, he continued his service to the church until moving his membership to the First United Methodist Church in 1969. There he became involved in the church community as treasurer and served on many committees.

Westbrook continues to give his time, expertise, and devotion to many community causes. He shares his musical talent with seniors and Alzheimer's patients and his accounting knowledge with nonprofit organizations. He has contributed over 2,700 items to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame including many vintage sound recordings.

The Society is proud to honor Nelson C. Westbrook Jr. for his outstanding contributions to the accounting profession and for his many years of dedicated service to his professional organization.

The GSCPA is the premier profession organization for CPAs in the state of Georgia. With over 10,000 members throughout the state, the purpose of the GSCPA is to promote the study of accountancy and applicable laws, provide continuing professional education, maintain high ethical and work standards, and provide information about accounting issues to the membership and the public. For more information, access our web site at www.gscpa.org.

SOMETIMES THE ECONOMY NEEDS A SETBACK

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I encourage each and every one of my colleagues to read and